

PATENT

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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No.: 501082.18  
Filed : Concurrently herewith  
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A  
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

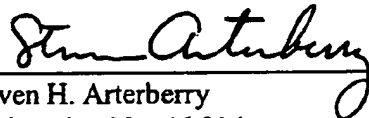
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Sir:

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